

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A corner guard providing protection for tiles attached proximal of a corner junction formed by an intersection of side walls, comprising:

an edge guard bent to cover a portion of the intersection of side walls proximally above the corner junction, said edge guard having a base end configured to be releasably attached to each side wall proximal of the tiles covering the corner junction, said edge guard including first and second attaching members having elongated lengths extending from said base end to respective upper ends, said attaching member being separated by a gap vertically oriented along a midline axis between said first and second attaching members whereby each attaching member is independently angled to separately attach along each respective side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls;

a ledge formed integrally with said edge guard base end, said ledge extended a sufficient width outwardly offset from said base end to provide protective covering of an upper portion of the tiles; and

a tile cover integrally depending downwardly from said ledge, said tile cover being sized and angled to substantially cover the tiles attached proximal of the corner junction;

whereby said tile cover is adapted to protectively covers cover the tiles thereby deflecting impacts directed toward the tiles and minimizing damage to the tiles while said edge guard protectively covers the intersection of side walls proximal of the tiles thereby deflecting impacts and minimizing damage to the corner junction and the intersection of side walls proximal of the tiles.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The corner guard of Claim 1 wherein said tile cover includes side segments each having a sufficient width and a sufficient angle therebetween for covering the tiles, said sufficient width being between about two inches and about three inches.

4. (original) The corner guard of Claim 3 wherein said tile cover side segments further include each side segment having a lengthwise dimension of between about five inches and about six inches.

5. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim ~~2~~ 1 wherein said edge guard ~~strips~~ attaching members include a sufficient width to cover at least one inch of each side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls, each edge guard ~~strip~~ attaching member having a length of between about ten

inches and about twenty inches extended longitudinally from each respective base end.

6. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim 5 wherein said ledge includes a width forming a set-back depth of between about one quarter inch to about three quarters inch between said longitudinally oriented edge guard ~~strips~~ attaching members and said downwardly oriented tile cover.

7. (currently amended) A corner guard providing protection for tiles attached proximal of a corner junction formed by an intersection of side walls, comprising:

an edge guard ~~bent~~ bendable in an angled configuration to cover a portion of the intersection of side walls proximal of the corner junction, said edge guard having a base end configured to be releasably attached to each side wall proximal of the tiles covering the corner junction, said edge guard having upper side segments extended longitudinally from said base end, said upper side segments separated by a gap aligned along a vertical axis extended between said upper side segments;

a ledge formed integrally with said edge guard base end, said ledge extended a sufficient width outwardly offset from said base end for protective covering of an upper portion of the tiles; and

a tile cover integrally depending downwardly from said ledge, said tile cover being sized and angled to substantially cover tiles attached proximal of the corner junction;

whereby said tile cover is adapted to protectively covers cover the tiles thereby deflecting impacts directed toward the tiles and minimizing damage to the tiles while said edge guard protectively covers the intersection of side walls proximal of the tiles thereby deflecting impacts and minimizing damage to the wall edges of the intersection of side walls proximal of the corner junction.

8. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim 7 wherein said edge guard upper side segments includes ~~two strips~~ first and second attaching members having elongated lengths extending from said base end to respective upper ends, said ~~two strips~~ attaching members being angled to separately attach along each respective side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls.

9. (original) The corner guard of Claim 7 wherein said tile cover includes side segments each having a sufficient width and a sufficient angle therebetween for covering the tiles, said sufficient width being between about two inches and about three inches.

10. (original) The corner guard of Claim 9 wherein said tile cover side segments further include each side segment having a lengthwise dimension of between about five inches and about six inches.

11. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim 8 wherein said edge guard ~~strips~~ upper side segments include a sufficient width to cover at least one inch of each side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls, each edge guard ~~strip~~ upper side segment having a length of between about ~~ten~~ six inches and about twenty inches extended longitudinally from each respective base end.

12. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim 11 wherein said ledge includes a width forming a set-back depth of between about one quarter inch to about three quarters inch between said longitudinally oriented edge guard ~~strips~~ upper side segments and said downwardly oriented tile cover.

13. (currently amended) A corner guard for protecting adjacent tiles attached proximal of a corner junction formed by intersecting side wall surfaces, comprising:

 a tile cover including first and second laterally oriented segments joined at a corner edge, said tile cover segments being sized and angled relative to each other to substantially cover the adjacent tiles attached proximal of the corner junction, said tile cover having a ledge integrally formed to extend

inwardly from an upper surface of said tile cover, whereby said ledge extends over the adjacent tiles when said tile cover is positioned to cover the adjacent tiles, thereby protecting the adjacent tiles from impacts directed against said tile cover; and

an edge guard having base ends integrally formed with said ledge to extend a set-back depth upwardly from said tile cover upper surface, said edge guard having a pair of attaching members separated by a gap extending vertically from respective base ends, said gap forms a midline axis between said attaching members which are bendable ~~is bent in width~~ and longitudinally extended from said base ends to cover respective side wall surfaces proximal of the intersection of side walls above the corner junction;

whereby said tile cover is adapted to protectively covers ~~covers~~ the adjacent tiles thereby deflecting impacts directed toward the tile cover and minimizing damage to the tiles while said edge guard protectively covers the side wall surfaces proximal of the intersection of side walls above the corner junction thereby deflecting impacts and minimizing damage to the intersection of side walls covered by the edge guard.

14. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim 13 wherein said edge guard includes said pair of attaching members ~~two strips~~ having elongated lengths extending from said base end to respective upper ends, ~~said two strips~~ each attaching member being angled relative to said midline axis to separately

attach along each respective side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls.

15. (original) The corner guard of Claim 14 wherein said tile cover includes side segments each having a sufficient width and a sufficient angle therebetween for covering the tiles, said sufficient width being between about two inches and about three inches.

16. (original) The corner guard of Claim 15 wherein said tile cover side segments further include each having a lengthwise dimension of between about five inches and about six inches.

17. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim 16 wherein said edge guard ~~strips~~ attaching members each include a sufficient width to cover at least one inch of each side wall surface proximal of the intersection of side walls, each edge guard ~~strip~~ attaching member having a length of between about ten inches and about twenty inches extended longitudinally from each respective base end.

18. (currently amended) The corner guard of Claim 17 wherein said ledge includes a width forming a set-back depth of between about one quarter inch to about three quarters inch between said longitudinally oriented edge guard ~~strips~~ attaching members and said downwardly oriented tile cover.